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## PRESS

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**Issued press release announcing the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants:** [U.S. EPA to Award \\$600,000 in Environmental Job Training Grants in California](#). NorCal; SoCal. Soledad Calvino.

Early coverage:

- **My News LA:** [Environmental Job Training Program Boosted With EPA Grant](#)

**Washington Examiner** (Josh Siegel) [Received 5/7] – CLOSED – Reporter contacted HQ for information about EPA involvement in the response to the Kilauea eruption. Sent a statement regarding our role thus far to HQ to share with reporter. SFD, Hawaii, Bill Glenn

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Environmental Workforce Training Grants** – Posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about the grants announced today and linked to our news release, [U.S. EPA to Award \\$600,000 in Environmental Job Training Grants in California](#).

### Web Updates:

**West Coast Collaborative** – Updated links and added a document to our [West Coast Collaborative](#) site.

**Annual Progress Reports** – Updated the introductory text and format of our [EPA Pacific Southwest Annual Progress Reports, 2002-2016](#) page.

**Underground Injection Control** – Added documents to our [EPA's Oversight of California's Underground Injection Control Program](#) site.

**Archive** – Moved out-of-date content to our [EPA Web Archive](#) site.

### Online Updates:

**Human Resources** – Made numerous updates and additions to the [Pay and Time Reporting](#) page on the HR site.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**OCIR Request for Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing Preparation:** OCIR requested all Regions who have Members on the Senate Appropriations Committee to share brief summary bullet points by 5:00pm ET, Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for Sen. Dianne Feinstein who is the only R9 Member on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Brent Maier directed this request to Chief of Staff Amy Miller for further guidance on what Region 9 should send for this OCIR request.

**Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12):** Brent Maier received a request from the Congresswoman's Chief of Staff Robert Edmonson for a check-in teleconference call for Tuesday on Hunters Point. Brent shared this request with Superfund's Lily Lee, John Chesnutt, Angeles Herrera, John Lyons, and Enrique Manzanilla. A call has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to provide an update and respond to questions from Robert Edmondson.

**Rep. Mazie Hirono (D-HI):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Jen Burks, PhD, Agricultural Legislative Assistant in the office of Sen. Mazie Hirono. Ms. Burks was asking about any EPA role/involvement regarding the Kilauea volcano activity on the Big Island. Brent checked in with Superfund's Pete Guria and shared with Ms. Burks that there is still no Emergency Support Function - 10 (ESF-10) activation to HI for the volcano activity. FEMA is just keeping us on 'retainer' via virtual activation to the Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) should they have any questions/concerns on air surveillance/monitoring and SO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>S levels. No questions or concerns have yet been raised by FEMA, and there has been no request by HI Civil Defense for EPA assistance. Brent let Ms. Burks know that EPA and the Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Coast Guard are the primary agencies for overseeing Emergency Support Function 10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Annex under the National Response Framework and shared with her a link to more information posted on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response/epa-and-national-response-framework-nrf>. Brent let Ms. Burks know that should the current situation change and EPA is activated or we become more involved, we can provide the Senator's office with an update at that time.

**Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44):** Congresswoman Nanette Barragan sent a letter to EPA Region 9 regarding water quality issues in Compton and Willowbrook and also noting her Town Hall meeting held on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm that Water Division's Corine Li along with Office of Public Affairs Press Officer Nahal Mogharabi attended. Brent Maier controlled the incoming letter to Water Division's Corine Li. The letter has a due date of May 21, 2018. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

**Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) Outreach:** OCIR requested that Region 9's Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss reach out to congratulate and share information with the new and reappointments of Members of the Local Government Advisory Committee. New Region 9 appointments include the Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Oxnard, CA; the Honorable Mervin Wright, Council Member, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and the reappointment of the Honorable Ryan Sundberg, Supervisor, Humboldt County, CA; and the continuation of their term for The Honorable Dave Bobzien, City Councilmember At-Large, Reno, NV.

**Congressional Outreach on Brownfields Job Training Grants:** Brent Maier shared today's press releases with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Mark DeSaulnier, Barbara Lee, Jackie Speier and Los Angeles area Members of Congress announcing that the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), will receive a \$200,000 grant to operate environmental job training programs and that the Hunters Point Family in San Francisco and the City of Pittsburg, Calif., will also receive grants to operate environmental job training programs.

**Rep. Barbara Lee Town Hall Event on May 14, 2018:** Xavier Johnson in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office sent a request to Enforcement Division's Deldi Reyes and Brent Maier requesting that EPA send a representative to an upcoming Town Hall being hosted by the Congresswoman's office from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. The Congresswoman's office will be providing a general update as to D.C. policy. The Town Hall will provide an opportunity for the EPA (and other panelists) to provide an update as to the work they are doing within the 13th Congressional District. Other confirmed panelists include the Mayor of Albany and staff from NextGen. They are looking to also have a representative from the

State Legislature as well as some panelists from environmental non-profits. The format for the Town Hall is that they will take questions on comment cards from the audience and bring the most asked and most pertinent questions to the moderator to propose to the panel. There will also be about 15 minutes for live questions and answers at the end of the program, which will be open ended. Brent reached out to Xavier Johnson today and is awaiting a call back. In the meantime, Kelly Zito raised this request with Chief of Staff Amy Miller.

**Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1):** Brent Maier received a letter addressed to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt from the Congresswoman's Legislative Director regarding the Congresswoman's concerns with the upcoming closure of the Las Vegas Lab. Brent shared the incoming letter with OCIR's Correspondence Unit. No Region 9 action requested at this time on the letter as it is likely to be responded to by HQ OARM.

**Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** The full Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) has set a May 9 legislative hearing on its as-yet-unreleased water infrastructure funding bill, titled the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. The House is still working on a companion measure, though Democrats recently introduced their own preferred infrastructure bill that aims to address long-standing challenges over communities' ability to pay for drinking water. 10:00am ET.

<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=754B22D7-63B6-403F-A83A-6855A0DEC61>

**Monday, May 14, 2018 – San Francisco Board of Supervisor's Hearing on Hunters Point:** Our office has been invited to participate in a San Francisco Board of Supervisor's hearing on Hunters Point Naval Shipyard on Monday, May 14, 2018 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Superfund Division Director Enrique Manzanilla and potentially Angeles Herrera will represent EPA Region 9 at this hearing. Superfund RPM Lily Lee and John Chesnutt will be helping prepare Enrique for this hearing.

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt